Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 23 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 24 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 23 Dec 2022 at 03:44

Confidence: High for the general themes over the next few days with unsettled and changeable conditions. Some uncertainty in the timings of rain or snow through Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Headline for Friday 23 Dec 2022: Dry start then rain arriving in the morning with strong winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 23 Dec 2022

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Fog
Precipitation probability					
10%	70%	90%	90%	70%	30%

Forecast for Friday 23 Dec 2022

Weather: A dry start but rain will soon spread north through the morning, turning heavy at times. This will fall as snow above 800m in the morning before turning to rain at all levels. The rain will become light then clear away north in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 40% early morning but soon becoming less than 10%.

Low cloud and visibility: Mainly good visibility at first but some patchy low cloud and fog about. Visibility deteriorating in the morning with cloud and fog becoming extensive above 400m with patches on lower slopes.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	24/34 E	35/49 E	32/46 E	27/39 E	18/25 E	14/20 S	20/28 SW
300	11/21 E	19/33 E	19/33 E	16/28 E	10/18 E	7/13 W	10/18 SW
Valley	9/21 E	16/32 E	16/32 E	14/27 E	9/18 E	5/12 W	8/17 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	4/-2	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-2	3/-1	3/-2
300	5/1	5/1	5/-0	5/0	5/1	5/2	5/2
Valley	6/3	7/3	6/2	6/2	6/3	6/4	5/3
Freezing Level*	1100m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1200m	1200m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

A wet day with difficult navigation conditions at height. Cold and windy on the tops.

Forecast for Saturday 24 Dec 2022

Weather: Mainly dry with bright or clear spells and just isolated showers, wintry above 800m. These becoming more frequent and could be heavy with hail and thunder from late afternoon into evening. Feeling cold on the tops with the strong southerly breeze.

Maximum wind: South or Southwest 20 to 30mph with gusts 40mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 70%.

Low cloud and visibility: Mainly good visibility away from cloud but sudden deteriorations in showers with patchy fog above 600m, especially towards evening.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 5C rising to 8C.
At 700m: Plus 3C.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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